

JOSEPH W. MAYS, ADMINISTRATOR.

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LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS, TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE FINDINGS FILED BY THE COURT IN THE CASE OF JOSEPH W. MAYS, ADMINISTRATOR, AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

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JANUARY 20, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be printed.

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COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE,  
*Washington, January 18, 1902.*

SIR: Pursuant to the order of the court, I transmit herewith a certified copy of the findings filed by the court in the aforesaid cause, which case was referred to this court by the Committee on War Claims, House of Representatives, under the act of March 3, 1883.

I am, very respectfully, yours, etc.,

JOHN RANDOLPH,  
*Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.*

Hon. DAVID B. HENDERSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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[Court of Claims. Congressional, No. 1644. Joseph W. Mays, administrator of Pinckney Halton, deceased, *v.* The United States.]

This case being a claim for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, the court, on a preliminary inquiry, finds that Pinckney Halton, deceased, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or stores, or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

By THE COURT.

Filed October 29, 1900.

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[Court of Claims. Congressional case No. 1644. Joseph W. Mays, administrator Pinckney Halton, deceased, *v.* The United States.]

STATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States, for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, was transmitted to the court by the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives on the 20th day of February, 1887.

On a preliminary inquiry, the court, on the 29th day of October, 1900, found that the person alleged to have furnished the supplies or stores, or from whom they were alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 23d day of October, 1901.

Gilbert Moyers, esq., appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by Franklin W. Collins, esq., his assistant and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

The claimant in his petition makes the following allegations:

That he is a citizen of the United States, residing in Chester County, State of Tennessee; that decedent resided during the late war of the rebellion in Hardeman County, State of Tennessee; that at different times during said period the United States forces took from decedent quartermaster stores and commissary supplies of the value of \$1,867 and appropriated the same to the use of the United States Army, as follows:

1 bay mare mule.....	\$150
1 iron-gray mule.....	200
1 mouse-colored mule.....	200
1 bay horse.....	125
1 sorrel mare mule.....	150
1,000 bushels corn.....	1,000
2,100 bundles fodder.....	42
Total .....	1,867

The court, upon the evidence and after considering the briefs and arguments of counsel on both sides, makes the following

#### FINDING OF FACTS.

There were taken from the claimant's decedent, in Hardeman County, State of Tennessee, during the war of the rebellion, by the military forces of the United States, for the use of the Army, stores and supplies of the kind and character above described which were then and there reasonably worth the sum of one thousand and forty dollars (\$1,040).

No payment appears to have been made therefor.

By THE COURT.

Filed December 2, 1901.

A true copy.

Test this 17th day of January, 1902.

JOHN RANDOLPH,  
*Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.*